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1. ON JULY 13 HYDROMET REP INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS NOW REQUEST THAT SECOND GROUP OF US SPECIALISTS, PETTY AND MAYER DELAY SCHEDULED JULY 16 ARRIVAL IN USSR FOR TWO WEEKS9,7 HYDROMET REP STATED THAT SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN BOROK NEED ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS TO FINISH ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL ON US CHROMATOGRAPH CURRENTLY IN BOROK. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT AT SOVIET BEHEST (REF C) US SPECIALISTS HAD GONE TO CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO ARRANG EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN THE USSR. LAST MINUTE SOVIET REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT WOULD CAUSE THEM CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE. HYDROME REP INDICATED UNDERSTANDING: HOWEVER, HE CLAIMED THAT IF US SPECIALISTS ARRIVE JULY 16 THEY WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO IN BOROK FOR TWO WEEKS. HYDROMET REP ADDED THAT VISA AUTHORIZATION FOR PETTY AND MAYER WOULD BE SENT UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR LETER DATE OF ENTRY THAN JULY 16.

2. US SPECIALISTS BOURQUAIN, CURRENTLY IN BOROK, CALLED EMBOFF FOR SECOND TIME EVENING OF JULY 12 TO PASS SAME MESSAGE. BOURQUAIN STATED THAT BUTORIN, HEAD OF THE SOVIET LAB IN BOROK WHERE SOVIET EXPERIMENT IS BEING CONDUCTED, HAD ONLY LEARED ABOUT THE EARLY ARRIVAL OF

THE SECOND GROUP OF US SPECIALISTS ON EVENING JULY 12, (AFTER CONVERSATION WITH BOURQUAIN REPORTED IN REF A). BOURQUAIN CONFIRMED THAT SOVIETS HAVE LARGE VOLUME OF WORK WHICH THEY WISH TO CONCLUDE ON US CHROMATOGRAPH BEFORE THE SECOND PARTY OF US SPECIALISTS ARRIVES. BOURQUAIN ADDED; HOWEVER, THAT HE AND MUELLER HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED ALL THEIR WORK IN BOROK.

- 3. BOURQUAIN ADDED THAT IN SECOND STAGE OF JOINT EXPERIMENT THE SOVIETS WISH TO STUDY DYLOX AND CHLOROPHOS. BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF SUITABLE CHEMICALS IN BOROK, BOURQUAIN INDICATED THAT TO DO SUCH ANALYSIS SECOND GROUP OF US SPECIALISTS SHOULD BRING ALL REAGENTS TO MAKE NECESSARY DERIVATIVES, INCLUDING CHLORAL AND CHLOROHYDRATE, AS WELL AS ANALYSIS STANDARDS FOR THESE COMPOUNDS.
- 4. COMMENT: SOVIETS SEEM TO BE HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN ADJUSTING TO EARLY DEPARTURE OF US SPECIALISTS PRESENTLY IN BOROK. WE SEE NO INTRINSIC REASON WHY SOVIETS CANNOT ADJUST THEIR PLANS TO USE US SUPPLIED CHROMATOGRAPH TO ALLOW SECOND GROUP OF US SPECIALISTS TO BEGIN WORK NEXT WEEK. PETTY AND MEYER CHANGED THEIR PLANS IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIET REQUEST FOR OVERLAP WITH US SPECIALISTS NOW IN BOROK. IF LAST MINUTE SOVIET REQUEST TO DELAY UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRIVAL CAUSES SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE TO THEM WE BELIEVE THAT SOVIETS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THIS INCONVENIENCE AND TOLD THAT US SPECIALISTS WILL ARRIVE AS REQUESTED ON JULY 16 OR NOT AT ALL.

5. DEPT PLEASE TELEPHONE SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TELEGRAM TO ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PIERRE SHOSTAL AT EPA (TEL: 202-755-2933) AND REQUEST REPLY ASAP. MATLOCK

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